WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A user interface for a spreadsheet computer program comprising:

    a cursor operable by user input which indicates at least one currently selected cell; and

    a lock cell input which immediately locks any cell currently selected by the cursor by changing a status of any currently selected cell to a locked status.

2. The user interface of Claim 1, wherein the lock cell input toggles the lock status of any cell currently selected by the cursor.

3. The user interface of Claim 1, further indicates if at least one currently selected cell has a locked status.

4. The user interface of Claim 1, further includes a cell lock indicator associated with the cell of any cell that has a locked status.

5. The user interface of Claim 4, further allows the user to turn off and on the cell lock indicator so that any cell that has a locked status will not be indicated in the cell when turned off and will be indicated when turn on.

6. A handheld computing device comprising:

a screen capable of displaying spreadsheet rows and columns for a spreadsheet application;

an input device for operating the computing device and entering user responses;

a processor for executing programming that provides a user interface to the spreadsheet application wherein the user interface further comprises:

a cursor operable by user input through the input device, wherein the cursor indicates at least one currently selected cell; and

a lock cell input which immediately locks any cell currently selected by the cursor by changing a status of any currently selected cell to a locked status.

7. The handheld computing device of Claim 6, wherein said processor is further programmed to toggle the lock status of any cell currently selected by the cursor with the lock cell input.

8. The handheld computing device of Claim 6, wherein said processor is further programmed to indicate on the screen if at least one currently selected cell has a locked status.

9. The handheld computing device of Claim 6, wherein said processor is further programmed to include a cell lock indicator associated with the cell of any cell that has a locked status.

10. The handheld computing device of Claim 9, wherein said processor is further programmed to allow the user to turn off and on the cell lock indicator so that any cell that has a locked status will not be indicated in the cell when turned off and will be indicated when turn on.

11. A graphing calculator comprising:

a screen capable of displaying spreadsheet rows and columns for a spreadsheet application;

an input device for operating the computing device and entering user responses;

a processor for executing programming that provides a user interface to the spreadsheet application wherein the user interface further comprises:

a cursor operable by user input through the input device, wherein the cursor indicates at least one currently selected cell; and

a lock cell input which immediately locks any cell currently selected by the cursor by changing a status of any currently selected cell to a locked status.

12. The device of Claim 11, wherein said processor is further programmed to toggle the lock status of any cell currently selected by the cursor with the lock cell input.

13. The device of Claim 11, wherein said processor is further programmed to indicate on the screen if at least one currently selected cell has a locked status.

14. The device of Claim 11, wherein said processor is further programmed to include a cell lock indicator associated with the cell of any cell that has a locked status.

15. The device of Claim 14, wherein said processor is further programmed to allow the user to turn off and on the cell lock indicator so that any cell that has a locked status will not be indicated in the cell when turned off and will be indicated when turn on.